

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 14 and 26 are allowed. Claims 1-9, 11, and 15-23 stand rejected. Claims 10, 12, 13, 24, and 25 stand objected to.

Claims 1, 7, 9, 11, 15, and 25 have been amended. Claims 6, 8, 10, and 24 have been canceled. No claims have been added.

In summary, the claims have been amended by rewriting the objected-to claims in independent form and making other amendments necessitated by rewriting the objected-to claims. All claims, therefore, should now be in condition for allowance.

More specifically, claim 10 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 has effectively been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 10 and intervening claims 6 and 8. Claim 1, as amended, therefore is now allowable.

Claims 6, 8, and 10 have been canceled accordingly. The dependencies of claims 7, 9, and 11 have been amended in light of the cancellation of claims 6, 8, and 10, respectively.

Claims 2-5, 7, 9, and 11-13 depend from claim 1, either directly or indirectly, and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, as amended.

Claim 14 is allowable as originally filed.

Claim 24 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 24 has effectively been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 15 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 24. Claim 15, as amended, therefore is now allowable.

Claim 24 has been canceled accordingly.

Claims 16-23 depend, either directly or indirectly on claim 15, and therefore are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 15, as amended.

Claim 25 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form by amending claim 25 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 15. Claim 25, as amended, therefore is now allowable.

Claim 26 is allowable as originally filed.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In conclusion, all claims should now be allowable in light of the amendments made herein and the subject matter deemed allowable by the Office Action of November 27, 2006.

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this Response, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time. Please charge any fees or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50/1797.

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